

## **U.S. Embassy Consolidates Consular Services for U.S. Citizens in Galicia**

The U.S. Consular Agency in A Coruña informs U.S. citizens that as of Monday, September 30, the U.S. Consular Agency will no longer provide regular consular services. Beginning October 1, 2013, services to U.S. citizens in Galicia will be provided by the U.S. Embassy's consular section in Madrid. U.S. citizens may apply at the U.S. Embassy for passports, notary services, reports of birth, and other routine and emergency consular services. U.S. citizens living in or traveling in Spain may also access consular services at the U.S. Consulate General in Barcelona or at one of the five Consular Agencies in Spain, in Seville, Valencia, Las Palmas, Malaga, and Palma de Mallorca.

The decision to close the A Coruña Consular Agency was taken after serious and careful deliberation and directly responds to changing budget realities facing the Department of State.

"The U.S. Embassy remains fully committed to providing for the consular needs of all American citizens in Spain," said U.S. Consul General Kathleen Hennessey. She continued by noting that, following the closure of the Consular Agency in A Coruña, consular staff from the U.S. Embassy in Madrid will conduct regular outreach visits to Galicia and nearby provinces to maintain support to the region.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Spain enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

We advise U.S. citizens to regularly monitor the State Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. We also suggest you read the Country Specific Information for Spain. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad."

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

For more information and to contact the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, please visit the official website, American Citizen Services page, at <http://madrid.usembassy.gov/citizen-services.html> or via telephone during business hours: 91-587-2200.

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